

Standard Mail (A)

Enhanced Carrier Route—Flats and Parcels

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Quick Service
Guide

Related QSGs: 010, 012, 050, 750 Nonprofit: 670

Eligibility Overview (E630) Mailings of 200 or more addressed pieces (or 50 pounds of addressed pieces), sorted and marked as described below. Pieces must be part of a group of 10 or more to one carrier route, prepared in line-of-travel or walk-sequence order, as required. All pieces must fit within same processing category. Pieces are eligible if not required to be mailed at First-Class rates or at Periodicals rates. Nonprofit rates require specific authorization (E670).

Rates and Fees (R600)	Regular		Nonprofit	
	For pieces weighing:	0.2066 lb. (3.3062 oz.) or less	0.2084 lb. (3.3348 oz.) or less	
	Basic	\$0.155		\$0.107
	High Density	0.147		0.100
	Saturation	0.137		0.094
	For pieces weighing:	more than 0.2066 lb. (3.3062 oz.)	more than 0.2084 lb. (3.3348 oz.)	
	Per piece rates:			
	Basic	\$0.018		\$0.013
	High Density	0.010		0.006
	Saturation	0.000		0.000
	PLUS Per pound for all rates:	\$0.663		\$0.451

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E612.4.7).

Destination discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination BMC (or ASF), SCF, or delivery unit.

Addressing (A930, A950) Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code, as appropriate. Carrier route information updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing date. Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Characteristics and Content (C050, C600) Maximum weight: less than 16 ounces. (Merchandise samples exceeding these dimensions available at Carrier Route rate if detached address labels are used that do not exceed these dimensions.)
Dimensions:
Nonletters and Flats:
■ Minimum: more than 6-1/8 inches high, or 11-1/2 inches long, or 0.25 inch thick.
■ Maximum: 11-3/4 inches high, 14 inches long, and 0.75 inch thick.
Parcels:
■ See C050 or Quick Service Guide 050.

Deposit (D600) Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M620) Marking on each qualifying piece:
■ Regular: "Bulk Rate" (or "Blk. Rt.").
■ Nonprofit: "Nonprofit Organization" (or "Nonprofit" or "Nonprofit Org.").
Basic, High Density, and Saturation rate pieces must also be marked "ECRLLOT," "ECRWSH," or "ECRWSS," respectively, in the correct optional endorsement line under M013, or in correct carrier route information line under M014. Mailings consisting of packages claimed at more than one Enhanced Carrier Route rate must bear appropriate marking for rate claimed. Pieces not claimed at corresponding rate must not be included in the mailing and must not bear the "ECRLLOT," "ECRWSH," or "ECRWSS" marking unless single-piece rate postage is affixed or a corrective single-piece rate marking is applied under P600.
Documentation:
■ Postage statement:
Regular: Form 3602-PR (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3602-R (permit imprint), as applicable.
Nonprofit: Form 3602-PN (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3602-N (permit imprint), as applicable.
■ Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation generated by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).
■ Additional documentation to support density standards (M050).
Basic rate mail must be in line-of-travel (LOT) sequence (M050.3.4) or may be in walk sequence. High Density (WSH) and Saturation (WSS) rate mail must be in walk sequence (M050). Palletization is permitted and preferred (M040). See reverse for sack label Line 2 information. Use standard sack label (M031).

Postage and Payment Methods (P600) Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.
Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Packaging and Sacking Sequence

Package Preparation

Saturation¹

Packages: 10 or more pieces addressed to same carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, post office box section, or general delivery unit) must be prepared in packages; fewer than 10 pieces allowed only if route has fewer than 10 delivery stops at saturation coverage. Mail must be presented in walk-sequence order (M050) and meet saturation standards.

Labels: Use optional endorsement line (OEL) stating carrier route description prefix and route number (M013).

Rate: Saturation

High Density²

Packages: 10 or more pieces addressed to same carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, post office box section, or general delivery unit) must be prepared in packages. Mail must be presented in walk-sequence order (M050) and meet density standards.

Labels: Use optional endorsement line (OEL) stating carrier route description prefix and route number (M013).

Rate: High Density



Basic

Packages: 10 or more pieces addressed to same carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, post office box section, or general delivery unit) must be prepared in packages. Mail must be presented in line-of-travel or walk sequence (M050).

Labels: Use optional endorsement line (OEL) stating carrier route description prefix and route number (M013).

Rate: Basic

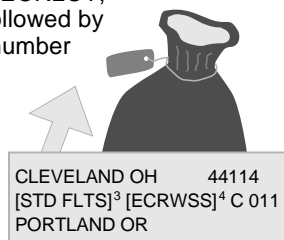


Sack Preparation

Carrier Route Sack

Sacks: Required at 125 pieces or 15 pounds. Palletization of packages is permitted and preferred.

Labels: For Line 1, use 5-digit destination. For Line 2, use "STD FLTS" or "STD A IRREG" as applicable, and "ECRWSS," "ECRWSH," or "ECRLT," as applicable, followed by route type and number (M620).



5-Digit Carrier Routes Sack

Sacks: No minimum number of carrier route packages for same 5-digit area. Palletization of packages is permitted and preferred.

Labels: For Line 1, use 5-digit destination. For Line 2, use "STD FLTS" or "STD A IRREG" as applicable, and "CR-RTS" (M620).



¹Minimum 90% total active residential or 75% total active deliveries per route (100% if simplified address (E630.2)).

²125-piece minimum per route.

³Use "STD FLTS" for flats or "STD A IRREG" for irregular parcels.

⁴Use "ECRWSS" for Saturation, "ECRWSH" for High Density, and "ECRLT" for Basic.

This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.